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PRESIDENT'S PAGE . . . . . Albert L. Baber

Here it is — my last President's message in Calcoin News, and I must say it has been a most enjoyable, short two years.

Have you given any thought lately about how current your numismatic thinking is? Has it really registered that the science of collecting and the study of numismatics has changed, and is continuing to change significantly each day? We are living in an age of rapid change, but have you stopped to think of the magnitude?

Today the beautiful silver coins are gone from circulation. No longer is it possible to fill a date set from change, except for the most current types of clad and base metal coins. To collect the silver coins is becoming more expensive. On the other hand the study of numismatics has become less time-consuming, easier, and much less expensive because of the deluge of information provided by today's numismatic publications from better club bulletins to the weekly and monthly periodicals and books. This last decade has seen more books written devoted to numismatics than during the previous ten decades. As we think of these changes and their importance, it is almost frightening to ask the question, "What does the future hold for our hobby?"

I am sure that the future for CSNA must hold a home for housing our extensive Californiana collection. I, for one, as many of my close friends know, am quite adamant on this subject, and think we should put forth greater effort toward a home for this collection, which is growing very rapidly with new pieces added each year. I am firmly convinced that our group can, with a minor adjustment to our philosophy and with a total concentrated effort, make this a reality. All members' ideas, suggestions and offers of assistance are most welcome.

CSNA SYMPOSIUM

As announced in the Winter 1971 issue of Calcoin News, page 20, **CSNA's third Annual Symposium** will take place on April 3, 1971.

Dick Trowbridge, chairman, advises that plans are progressing at a fine rate for this affair — CSNA's outstanding educational feature of the year, and one which is rated as the best of its kind in the United States.

Maurice M. Gould, the moderator, has lined up a panel of four outstanding numismatists to be the main speakers. (We are sure our members are well acquainted with Maury's ability to secure the best!)

Ten persons have been invited to exhibit — their exhibts all being best-in-class or best-of-show winners. This feature alone will be well worth the trip to Long Beach.

Remember the date and place: — 10:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Saturday, April 3, at the Boyd Auditorium, 235 E. Eighth St., Long Beach. Mark your calendar now!

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Please send any address change promptly to the secretary.

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JADE

By PEGGY BORGOLTE, Sepulveda, CSNA 15-1

Jade, the most valuable and most significant material in Chinese history, has been known for centuries as "The Jewel of Heaven". The Chinese character that represents jade is almost the same as that used for "Princess".

Through many centuries, the Chinese have transmitted from father to son, and from generation to generation of glyptic artists, the art of working jade, and the many significant designs have gained steadily in symmetry and conventional perfectness through the process of centuries. It is therefore not surprising that much of the philosophy, much of the culture, and far more of the symbolism underlying Chinese thought, is found in the unique and highly decorative carvings which represent the expressions of so many generations of Chinese craftsmen. The beauty of jade itself, combined with all the wisdom and craftsmenship of years, makes a combination unsurpassed.

Jade was not used only in the designing of new coinage (it was the practice of the mint artisans to present trial pieces of proposed new types of money to the Emperor and Empress for approval), but as regular money for circulation only within the Imperial Palace compounds was used for many centuries. Most of these were beautifully worked with various emblems such as:

A —The Dragon, a mythical animal regarded by the Chinese as having good, rather than evil influence.

B —Clouds, usually surrounded by figures of immortals, dragons, etc.

C —The Lotus, essentially a Buddhist symbol, but also esteemed by the Taoists symbolizing carrying of auspicious wishes.

D —The Peach, together with its blossoms. The peach tree of the Gods was said to yield the fruit of eternal life, which ripened once every 3000 years, hence the peaches of immortality.

E —The Sleeping Silkworm, a very ancient design usually repeated many times, covering the entire reverse of palace coins.

F —The Cosmic Symbol of the Deity of Heaven. A perforated round disc used from very ancient times to designate the Deity of Heaven and one of the six "ritual jades". Usually called "pi". Sometimes plain, unadorned; sometimes with obverse carved with other symbols, particularly dots or sleeping silk worms.

G —The Bat, emblematic of happiness and long life.

H —The Butterfly, symbol of immortality which since the Ming Dynasty has had a high place in Chinese favor.

I —The Mystic Knot, which originally came from India and represented as having no beginning and no end. Sometimes called the "Knot of Everlasting Happiness."

J —Long Life, a circular design meaning long life. Very popular and widely used.

K —The Gourd, a Taoist symbol of mystery and necromancy, and the emblem of Li-Tieh-Kuai, one of the Eight Immortals. The spiral of smoke ascending from the gourd denotes his power of setting his spirit free from his body.

L —The Yin and Yang. In Chinese cosmogony, the Yang and Yin, are the negative and the positive principles of universal life, and are pictorially represented by the symbols of an egg showing the yolk and the white strongly differentiated. Yang signifies Heaven, Sun, Light, Male, and is symbolized by the dragon. Yin stands for Earth, Moon, Darkness, Female, and is symbolized by the tiger and the hare. Through their interaction, the Yin and Yang produce the Five Forces or Five Elements.

M—The Fungus, supposed to grow on the sacred mountain of Hua Shan and food for immortals.

Jade was very popular for amulets or charms and these were sold by the Temple Priests to the wealthy. They were worn to bring good fortunes, male children, and for innumerable other purposes. While most of these amulets were worn by women, around the neck or as belt buckles, some were exclusively for men, who habitually carried them, and in walking from place to place would rub them

between the fingers. These were called "fingering pieces". Such handling gave pleasure to the owner, improved the luster of the jade, and was supposed to bring success to prayers. Most pieces contained one or more of the symbols mentioned before.

Some very valuable jades were kept permanently in the Temples before the High Altar. It was the custom of wealthy Chinese families to purchase from the Chief Priest beautiful jades bearing inscriptions asking for blessings from their ancestors. These "offerings", usually purchased at extremely high prices (depending on the quality and size of the jade), were supposed to remain forever before the altar as a perpetual offering to the Gods. One such piece in the Sung Collection (exhibited privately at the Chicago World's Fair in 1932-1933) was valued at ten million dollars. Similar offerings were also made of brass in the form of trees (similar to the castings of Chinese cash), the end of each branch ending in a coin, each bearing different symbols and blessings.

Jade was also used extensively in the Temples as part of many rituals.

The value of jade depends largely on quality, and contrary to the general belief that jade is green, it is found in every color and color combination from deep black to pure white.

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For Sale

Back Issues of Calcoin News

We conclude herewith the listing of back issues of Calcoin News which we have on hand and for sale:

1966—Vol. 20—No. 1-3-4 (no No. 2 on hand)
1967—Vol. 21—No. 1-2-3-4
1968—Vol. 22—No. 1-2-3-4
1969—Vol. 23—No. 1-2-3-4
1970—Vol. 24—No. 1-2-3-4

These are being offered at 75 cents each, with a 10% discount on orders totaling $5 or more. Orders should be sent to L. Eldon Beaulieu, 3143 Neal Ave., San Jose, Calif. 95117; and checks in payment made out to L. Eldon Beaulieu, CSNA Historian.

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From the Desk of the Librarian

We would like to thank **Kenny Lee, Robert Harris** and **Richard Trowbridge** for their donations to the library.

Please add these book titles to your library catalog:

A-17 ANS Numismatic Literature No. 84, Sept. 1970.
B-66 Becker, Thomas W. The Heritage of Coins.
C-49 Money Talks. A Numismatic Anthology Selected from Calcoin News.
H-29 Hobson, Burton. Catalogue of Scandinavian Coins.
H-30 Harris, Robert P. Modern British Commonwealth Coins.
H-31 Hoskins, Charles R. The Story of the Dollar.
L-20 Lee, Kenneth W. California Gold, Dollars, Half Dollars, Quarter Dollars.
M-67 Miles, George C. The Coinage of the Arab Amirs of Crete.
O-4 Overton, Al C. Early Half Dollar Die Varieties, 1794-1836.
T-16 Trowbridge, Richard J. Queen Anne, 1702-1714 Mystery Farthings.
U-9 Utberg, Neil S. Revisions to Vols. I through IV.
W-23 Weissbuch, Ted and Hewitt, L.F. United States Numismatic Dictionary.

—DOROTHY E. BEAULIEU

Who's Who In California Numismatics

R. PAUL ENDLER

By MAURICE M. GOULD

One of California's outstanding numismatists is **R. Paul Endler** of Fresno.

Paul was born in New York City. His family moved to several locations, including San Diego, eventually settling in Fresno where Paul attended high school and Fresno State College. He was the winner of a $6,000 scholarship to Colgate University, but after six months of the eastern winters he headed back to sunny California.

Paul is a well-known athlete, and while in high school was a member of both the baseball and track teams, and set a record in the discus throw of 165 feet, 6 inches — a record which still stands.

Not only did he have brawn, but brains as well! For he was on the championship debating team and in 1953 won a speech contest which gave him a free trip to the United Nations. At the UN he won the national contest, which was supposed to be a free trip to Europe. Unfortunately for Paul, the sponsor ran out of funds, but it was still exciting to be the winner.

At college he was active in fraternity affairs and served as secretary-treasurer for Sigma Mu Fraternity, and as vice president of the Young Republicans.

Paul has worked with Little League Baseball as an umpire, probably in self defense, with four handsome boys comprising his family. He also is an ardent golfer, playing an excellent game, but when can this busy young man find time for all these activities?

His wife, Patt, also shares many of Paul's interests, and has recently received her teaching credentials and looks forward to teaching in high school and junior college.

Approximately twelve years ago, Paul became interested in the numismatic hobby, and became involved in the subject of grading, eventually becoming an authority in this field. He served as president of the Fresno Numismatic Society and held various other offices in that organization; and is a member of several other numismatic groups.

A few years ago Paul became interested in the First Day - First Issue concept of collecting, the wedding of stamps and coins. Once he became involved, he enjoyed this phase of collecting so much that he has devoted a great deal of his time and efforts to the growing hobby. He is a founder and secretary of SPAN (Society of Philatelists and Numismatists), and has given numerous lectures on the hobby, becoming known as one of the outstanding authorities in this field. His advice is sought by all producers and he is presently building up a museum and history of the hobby.

Paul is big in size, with a heart to

match — he is always ready and willing to help any collector or club with their problems; is interested in the juniors; and all phases of the hobby. His promotional ability is amazing and I remember coming to a show in Fresno at Paul's invitation. From the time I got there, I was hustled around from one television station to another with personal appearances all arranged; fine newspaper publicity had already appeared; and when all this was out of the way and the show opened the next morning, close to 2000 people were standing in line waiting to attend the event.

Do you know anyone else who could match that? Due to Paul's ingenuity and his excellent work in the public relations field, that show was an outstanding success.

Paul will serve as general chairman of the Cal-State show in Fresno in April 1971, so we can look forward to a sensational one. Numismatics is indeed proud to have **R. Paul Endler** as one of its devoted and zealous admirers.

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AMERICAN REVIVAL COMMITTEE

This committee, located at the famous Knott's Berry Farm in Southern California, has had the Franklin Mint produce for them two medals dedicated to Americanism. The first — "Reverence For God" shows on the obverse the Praying Hands, and on the reverse the Lords Prayer. The second — "Allegiance To Country" depicts the American Flag on the obverse, and the Pledge of Allegiance on the reverse.

The American Revival Committee is dedicated to inspiring in the minds of the citizens of the United States a rededication to the ideas and ideals of our Founding Fathers, as symbolized in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The committee will continue with its program through 1976. Headquarters are in the Independence Hall replica at Knott's Berry Farm.

These medals sell at $2 for the pair, and may be ordered from: American Revival Committee, Independence Hall, Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, CA 90620.

San Jose Coin Club

SJCC boasts of being the second oldest coin club in Northern California, and at present has about 175 members. Two of our well-known CSNA members are charter members of SJCC — Rudy Gjurovich — "King of the Koin Kollectors", and Charles V. Kappen — past president of CSNA.

To commemorate its 25th anniversary, and its third coin show, the club produced a most beautiful medal. Obverse shows the first capitol of the State of California, 1848-1851, surrounded by the legend — "1946 — San Jose Coin Club — 1971 — 25th Anniversary". Reverse shows the State of California, with a star showing the location of San Jose, and the words "Third Annual Coin Show — February 7".

This nickel-silver medal is priced at $1 each, and may be ordered from the Medal Chairman, San Jose Coin Club, P. O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150.

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C. O. I. N.

The eighth annual **CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS,** often abbreviated C.O.I.N., is scheduled for June 18-20 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles.

Chairmen in charge are: Gordon Z. Greene, general chairman; James J. Waldorf, bourse chairman; Richard J. Trowbridge, exhibit chairman; and Maurice M. Gould, forum moderator. Where could you find a harder working, more dedicated group of numismatists to put in charge of this affair?

The convention is sponsored by ten numismatic organizations in the field of world numismatics, and is considered the largest and finest affair of its kind in the world. A unique feature is that no U.S. material is on sale in the bourse room, nor in the exhibits — only ancient, medieval and modern foreign!

This eighth show promises to surpass (if that is possible) the previous seven — all of which have been outstanding both in the quality of the exhibits and the very fine bourse dealers on hand with a wealth of material for sale.

Make a date to be in Los Angeles this coming June 18-19-20.

REPORTS FROM . . .

OUR OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Kenyon V. Painter, CSNA 847, of Scottsdale, Arizona, recently donated his 1,500 volume numismatic library to the Arizona State University, with the understanding the books will be available to the university students, Arizonians in general, and others interested in numismatics.

A very fine deed, Kenyon.

Our congratulations to **Frank B. Knight,** publisher and editor of the Collector's Weekly, Kermit, Texas, on the excellent publication he is putting out. While covering collecting in general, from time to time some fine articles appear pertaining to numismatics. We are pleased to note the paid circulation of his publication has passed the 55,000 mark.

Keep up the good work, Frank.

From the **International Numismatic Agency,** 96 Prince St., New York, N.Y. 10012, comes a letter and four-page circular describing five medallions — Civil War, USS Enterprise, 50th Anniversary of Naval Aviation, Golden Gate Bridge and New Mexico 50th Anniversary, all of which were issued under government authorization.

This circular is free for the asking. However, you are requested to please mention Calcoin News if writing for one.

In a letter received from **Dr. Alberto F. Pradeau** of Los Angeles, he expressed his thanks for the complimentary copy of the Winter 1971 issue of Calcoin News, in which appeared his article "San Francisco, Mexican Pesos of 1898". He commented the difference between the Mexican City and the San Francisco mintage of these pesos for China is in the number of dots along the border on both sides — 131 on the San Francisco and 139 on the Mexican issue of the same date.

Thanks, Doctor Pradeau, for this additional information.

In a letter recently from **Aldo P. Basso, CSNA 1047,** from California and now living in Manila, are the following comments: —

"Would be very pleased to work on an article for you (your editor had asked him for a comparison of being a dealer in the United States and in the Philippines) but it will have to wait a little as I am quite busy working on my new book "Orders, Decorations and Medals of the Philippines", which I hope to have published in color here.

"We are both fine and my wife, Naty, is enjoying her stay here at "home", although we both miss the States somewhat especially our friends."

Aldo, when your book is completed please let us have a review of it so we can give you some publicity in Calcoin News.

Our thanks to the **Moravske Museum V Brne** of Unora, Czechoslovakia, for the book entitled "The Mints of Moravia" by Jaroslav Posvar. While the book is in Czechoslovakian, there are three sections in French, English and German, describing the contents.

The Moravske Museum V Brne is (and has been for some time) on our complimentary mailing list for Calcoin News and which we hope they are receiving regularly and finding of some interest to their members. We most centainly appreciate their kindness in forwarding to us from time to time publications pertaining to numismatic subjects in Czechoslovakia.

This book will be included in our Libarian's Report in the next issue of Calcoin News.

Our secretary recently received the following letter: —

"Re: The 47th semi-annual Convention of CSNA bronze medal.

"I have read your advertisement in Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine of December 1970, regarding the above medal. I am collecting coins of commemorative crown size in silver. But this is my first medal for collection. I wish to have two medals. Please let

me know the amount with postage.

"Further I wish to have the enrollment form of your reputed club, and the latest catalogue. I am in a position to exchange my duplicate coins with your members and will be able to trade by mail.

"Thanking you and awaiting for your earliest reply in favor."

Yours, truly,
S. R. ICEWALLA
E-5, Shapoor Baug
V.P. Road
Bombay 4, India

A prompt reply was sent by our secretary, together with the medals, etc., requested. It is indeed gratifying to our CSNA officers to know that the fame of CSNA gets around.

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The 1927 Greek 40 lepta stamp shows an ancient coin of the Amphictyonic period.

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"MONEY TALKS"

The compliments on our reprint from Calcoin News—MONEY TALKS—keep piling in! We quote but a few of them:

"I think CSNA did a tremendous job on the book. It was worth waiting for."

"Just received my reprint of the Calcoin articles, and think it is a fine addition to my library."

"Terrific. A product to be proud of, and which should be in every library."

"The book is real good and a few of my friends have asked me to see if I could pick up a copy for them."

"The book is a beauty. It has a Hell of a lot of interesting stuff in it. Makes a first-rate bedside reader. I will tout it, and be proud to, in my next list."

"It is certainly an issue to be proud of, and I hope that in the future it will be followed by another."

"I hope you have additional copies on hand to meet the orders."

Yes, we still have a few copies on hand, enough to meet the demand during the next few months. If you have not ordered your copy, please do so now. Also, if your local club has not ordered one or more copies, have the officers do so—the book, in addition to being a "must" in the club library, makes a wonderful door prize or presentation piece.

Each copy is serially numbered, and the first three copies went to:

No. 1—Anna Merle Panosh, widow of the late Leonel Panosh, the first editor of Calcoin News.

No. 2—Charles V. Kappen, the second editor of Calcoin News.

No. 3—Lesley G. Lodge, the third and present editor.

Price is $6 per copy (including tax and postage), and may be ordered from Charles G. Colver, CSNA Secretary, 611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, Calif. 91722. A special price of $5 per copy applies to local clubs ordering copies for club use.

From the Desk of the Secretary

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1918 FARRELL, W. H. ..... November 2, 1970

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, November 15, 1970	960
New Members, November 16, 1970 to February 10, 1971	22
Re-Instatements	8
Resignations	8
Address Unknown	1
Deceased	1
Net Membership, February 10, 1971	980
Total Life Members	117

—CHARLES G. COLVER

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From the Desk of the Treasurer

LOS ANGELES CONVENTION—OCT. 30 - NOV. 1, 1970

Receipts:		
Bourse	$6,951.50	
Banquet and Ladies Luncheon	1,012.00	
Silver Medals	517.50	
Registration	563.00	$ 9,044.00
Disbursements:		
Printing	$ 286.53	
Photography	91.50	
Ribbons and Badges	267.74	
Banquet and Entertainment	1,371.40	
Exhibit Awards	381.36	
Exhibit Hall Rental	1,275.00	
Registration Table Personnel	71.36	
Editor's Convention Expenses	100.00	
Secretary's Convention Expenses	100.00	
Table Rental	135.00	
Exhibit Case Hauling	50.00	
Publicity	202.69	
Medals	1,305.25	
Security	937.06	
Typewriter Rental	30.00	
Miscellaneous	37.16	$ 6,642.05
NET		**$ 2,401.95**

GENERAL STATEMENT—NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1970

Balance Brought Forward (Commercial Account)	**$5,335.60**	**$ 5,335.60**
Receipts:		
Bourse	$4,631.50	
Banquet	907.00	
Lapa Junior Membership Fund	100.00	
Ladies Luncheon	105.00	
Silver Medals	517.50	
Dues	215.00	
Registration	563.00	
Medals and Medallions	502.99	
Refund on Exhibit Awards	27.82	
Calcoin News (Sale of Back Issues)	16.47	
Money Talks	484.50	
Miscellaneous	114.75	$ 8,185.53
Total		**$13,521.13**

Disbursements:

Banquet Entertainment	$ 165.00	
Publicity	202.69	
Typewriter Rental	30.00	
Security	937.06	
Exhibit Awards	409.18	
Bourse Table Refund	125.00	
Medals	1,305.25	
Secretary's Expenses	100.00	
Display Case Hauling	50.00	
Table Rental	135.00	
Banquet	1,017.74	
Editor's Expenses	116.38	
Registration Desk Personnel	71.36	
Exhibit Room Rental	1,275.00	
Ladies Luncheon	153.66	
Photography	91.50	
Printing of Calcoin News	1,177.68	
Postage Stamps	66.00	
Printing (Miscellaneous)	128.71	
Hendricks Printing Co.	2,205.77	
Miscellaneous	85.38	$ 9,848.36
Balance (Commercial Account)		**$ 3,672.77**
Savings Account	**$6,358.59**	
Kennedy Half-Dollars	**240.00**	**$ 6,598.59**
Grand Total (On Hand)		**$10,271.36**

—WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD

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ODD AND CURIOUS MONEY

By WALTER G. GERTH, Vallejo, California, CSNA 653

The Gizzie penny of Sierra Leone, Africa, is but one of the many so-called odd and curious monies of the world. This trade or barter piece has been used for many years by the natives in their markets and in their marriage ceremonies.

Made of hand forged iron by the blacksmiths who did the mint work for the village chiefs, these pieces are about fourteen inches long, one end being shaped like a small pick axe while the other end looks like a candy sucker with the round candy folded back half way. The stick part or the metal between the two ends is about one eighth inch in diameter; being flattened from the pick shaped end to the center, then twisted in a spiral to the sucker like end.

If you must go back and read the last few lines again and perhaps wonder as I do: Why this odd shape? What do these odd forms represent? This is one of the very reasons for collecting odd and curious money. Why and how do the people of the world use it for their every day needs?

We know the Gizzie penny is said to be an object with a spirit or soul; and if the piece is broken, the soul will depart thus decreasing the value. Yet for a given price the village blacksmith, who is also the medicine man, will forge the pieces together and restore the value as the soul returns.

As in all types of coin collecting there are reference books where descriptions may be found. Yet many interesting subjects have not been written about. This is where collectors can help by joining coin clubs, and having friends who are interested in sharing their knowledge in order that others may enjoy the fellowship of this interesting hobby.

GOT ANY GOODFORS?

By ROBERT E. MEDLAR, Lubbock, Texas

"Got any What?" "Good Fors! You know, trade tokens." You can hear this highly intelligent and scintillating dialogue at any coin show between, on one side of the bourse table a smiling, helpful dealer, and on the other an eager and hopeful collector. Usually the response by the smiling, helpful dealer is negative and our still bright-eyed collector goes on to repeat the process at the next table.

Trade tokens are metallic checks issued by merchants usually as change substitutes, as advertising, or as trade stimulators. On one side they typically read: "Good for . . . cents", and on the other the name and city of the issuing firm. Metal is usually aluminum or brass and occasionally bimetallic (aluminum with a brass plug). In Texas they were first issued around the 1890s, although we could say the hacienda tokens of the early 1800s could also qualify as Good Fors. They grew to their greatest popularity in the 1930s. Now they are not to be confused with the prolific issues of medals, tokens and junk of the 1960s.

Anyway, back to our bright-eyed collector now that we know what he is talking about. In my opinion here is a true numismatist. He collects for the love of collecting and studies his tokens because he must to further his collecting. He sure isn't trying for a type set, a date set, a proof set or anything spectacular like these. He is quite content to rummage the dealer junk boxes, paying 25¢, 50¢ or even an outlandish dollar for his little treasures. He is willing to travel the back roads of Texas chasing down the rumor that some old man who once ran a lumber yard or a grocery has a few left. He is also willing to swap even-steven with another nut for some he needs; monetary values, scarcities, conditions are unimportant. He needs this one and the other fellow needs that one. I can imagine the early numismatists of the 1850s about the same way, sharing their coins with each other.

Not having a ready reference or catalog of issues or the mintage figures of each issue, our bright-eyed friend can only rely on his own digging to learn about his tokens. Letters to city libraries, county clerks, historical associations ultimately lead him into some of the more pleasurable byways of coin collecting: the research and detective work necessary to identify many of the tokens and their locations of issue.

This part of our hobby is avidly pursued by a small but enthusiastic group. At the recent Houston show, the most active items sought were trade tokens. I know, as three of us scoured the dealer tables thoroughly. At one table, for $6.00, I bought a whole handful, including some duplicates for trading stock—very necessary to pry loose some from one of my fellow Good For collectors.

How many firms issued tokens? When were they each issued? What catalog or book determines what? How rare are they? All such questions are never going to be satisfied fully, simply because of the magnitude of the field.

Saloon tokens seem to be the most avidly hunted, preceded perhaps by special tokens such as ferry or sheep tokens. Bimetallics are seldom encountered. Collectors are also few, probably less than 25 in the entire state of Texas. But triple this number and I believe the available tokens would dry up almost immediately. The largest collection, I believe, has slightly more than 600 different pieces; mine is 300; and there are probably less than 20% duplications.

If you have any of these little bits of Americana, just look for one of the bright-eyed ones (me) and listen for his pleasured sigh as he sits down to buy, swap or identify.

Incidentally, if you have any, drop me a line.

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Probably the first Greek coin to bear a distinctive symbolic representation was the Aegina coin minted in the sixth century, B.C., bearing the figure of a turtle.

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Herodotus, the Greek historian, wrote circa 450 B.C. that the Lydians "were the first men whom we knew to have coins".

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Fresno Numismatic Society drew its first breath of life in Jan. 15, 1946, during a meeting that was later chronicled in the bulletin of another new-born organization, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA Bulletin, Vol. 2, No. 2, June 1948).

In February of 1948, FNS hosted the second semi-annual CSNA convention in Fresno's Hotel Californian. The site that served the same purpose in April 1958 was the Hotel Fresno. Both of these, once magnificent, showplaces now cater to long-term senior citizen residents. The third such event held in Fresno saw the convention headquarters moved a scant few city blocks to the ultra-modern facilities of Del Webb's TowneHouse which had been completed just in time for the April 1966 state conclave.

In 1971, April Love has prevailed once more. As with the last Fresno meeting, the current edition of the CSNA spring biography will enjoy VIP "booking" at Del Webb's finest convention hotel. Our choice convention site is an enigma among its contemporaries. As is the case with many-a-rare coin our April 16 thru 18 landlord has truly improved with age — and that's saying something for any structure that typically proves obsolete before its old enough to vote.

But, perhaps, the credit has been mis-directed. In 1968, Fresno achieved the coveted "All-American City" status. About the same time your host club embarked on a series of community service projects that are probably best described as a continuous application of the 1971 NCW theme, Numismatics: A Hobby For All Ages.

Early in 1968, FNS members dedicated themselves to a variety of numismatic projects which shared a single common denominator: community enhancement. After experiencing some difficulty in attracting new members to our house of treasures, we decided to literally "Take the mountain (or, rather The Hobby) to Muhummad". With the help of Ed McClung down in Riverside (he is now a partner in PANarts — North Hollywood) FNS produced a commemorative elongated coin honoring our ALL-AMERICA CITY. We donated every specimen to two under-privileged local youth groups, who knocked on doors, among other things, as they sold every last coin in an effort to raise money for rehabilitation of a recreational center.

Later in 1968 we convinced James Conlon, BEP Director, that Fresno was the ideal location to display a "Billion Dollar Currency Exhibit" — and for eleven days, to boot! The BEP "spectacular" was so well received locally that we only had to ask them once to get it back for another eleven day run in 1969. (This was part of our Numismatic Display Booth, both years, during the annual Fresno District Fair, which is held in October.)

What to do for an encore? In 1970 we persuaded Joseph Segal and Ralph A. "Curley" Mitchell of Franklin Mint fame to provide us with a stellar attraction. No disrespect intended, but the Franklin Mint exhibits (and film, slides, etc.) proved more popular than the government's! In addition to bringing the Franklin Mint to Fresno, we were also fortunate enough to borrow Jad Darnell's "Moon Medal" for the fair, an item which really "picked up the slack" whenever "Curley" went to lunch — which wasn't often!

Other than the above bits and pieces, FNS has been extremely active and successful in bringing numismatics into the schools. Once again, much of the credit belongs to the Franklin Mint. In addition, FNS has set all kinds of records on local radio and TV shows, especially audience participation. William Y. "Buffalo Bill" Lee, your convention bourse chairman, recently made his "umpteenth" appearance on the local CBS affiliate radio station, KFRE, during which he batted over .950 as some 300 listener-callers fired coin questions in a continuous stream for three solid hours. Finally, Bill had to "quit" as the station signed off the air at midnight.

Last, and, as they say "far from least", we've raised a "bit o' money" from our coin-a-ramas which we passed along as outright donations to:

West Fresno Boys' Club	$250.00
East Fresno Boys' Club	250.00
Fresno Evangel Home	300.00
Fresno Rescue Mission	200.00

All in the past 18 months — in our spare time!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? THE PRESIDENT OF FNS IS — s. everett phillips? It's a fact! And, just to put your minds at rest, we've saved some of our biggest and best surprises for the middle of April, a time when we hope you'll play a little traveling music and find your way to FRESNO — THE GARDEN SPOT OF THE WEST.

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P.S.: — If some of you out there in CSNA Land have secretly vowed to someday attend your first State Convention — wait no longer! The only thing that could possibly be missing from this event is **YOU**!

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APRIL XVI, XVII, XVIII, MCMLXXI
48th CSNA SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

General Chairman, R. Paul Endler, Fresno, CSNA-1599

Your convention committee enthusiastically invites every CSNA member, as well as all friends of our hobby, to join with us in Fresno, this April, for the express purpose of participating in the RENAISSANCE OF NUMISMATICS.

The theme of our convention is synonomous with that of National Coin Week—NUMISMATICS—THE HOBBY OF ALL AGES.

Your convention medal, your educational forum, even your registration ribbon, to mention a few, have been specially planned with the NCW theme serving as a common denominator.

Following is the convention program, including exact times and locations:

TUESDAY—APRIL XIII, MCMLXXI

1:00 PM—Ralph A. "Curly" Mitchell takes our convention into Fresno area schools via the Franklin Mint's superb film—"The Ultimate Achievement". (Also, on Wednesday and Thursday.)

THURSDAY—APRIL XV, MCMLXXI

3:00 PM—Security Room Open for Dealers and Exhibitors, Burgundy Room.

FRIDAY—APRIL XVI, MCMLXXI

8:00 AM—Convention Floor Open to Dealers and Exhibitors.
10:00 AM—Convention Officially Open, Champagne Ballroom. Periodic Films, Slides, Riesling Room.
10:00 AM—Guided Tour, Duncan Ceramics. Meet at Registration Desk.
11:00 AM—Ladies Hospitality, Chianti Room.
12:30 PM—Ladies Luncheon and Cosmetic Application Demonstration, Cabernet Room.
3:00 PM—CSNA Executive Board Meeting, Chianti Room.
7:00 PM—Official Participants Hospitality, Chianti Room.
10:30 PM—Bourse and Exhibit Areas Close.

SATURDAY—APRIL XVII, MCMLXXI

10:00 AM—Registration Desk, Bourse, Exhibit Areas Open. Films in Riesling Room.
10:30 AM—CSNA General Business Meeting, Cabernet Room.
1:30 PM—Educational Forum, Moselle-Chianti Room. Maurice M. Gould, Chairman.
2:00 PM—California State Token Assoc. Catalog Session, Riesling Room.
3:30 PM—California Exonumist Society Quarterly Meeting, Cabernet Room. J. Reynolds, Chairman.

6:30 PM--Cocktail Hour, Vineyard Room.
7:30 PM—Banquet, Awards, Entertainment, Vineyard Room. (Bourse and Exhibit Areas Remain Open.)
10:30 PM—Bourse and Exhibit Areas Close

SUNDAY—APRIL XVIII, MCMLXXI
10:00 AM—Champagne Brunch, Members and Guests, Vineyard Room.
10:00 AM—Registration Desk, Bourse, Exhibit Areas Open, Films in Riesling Room.
1:00 PM—Official Participants Hospitality, Chianti Room.
4:00 PM—Removal of Exhibits.
5:00 PM—Convention Adjourns.
7:00 PM—Security Room Closes.

MONDAY—APRIL XIX, MCMLXXI
8:00 AM—Security Room Opens.
10:00 AM—Security Room Abandoned.

Semi-Continuous, April 16-18, Franklin Mint and FNS Hospitality Suites.

Del Webb's TowneHouse is bounded on the east by "M" Street; on the west by "L" Street; on the north by Tulare Street; and on the south by Kern Street. Dealers and exhibitors should enter the hotel parking facility from KERN STREET for the OPTIMUM LOADING and/or UNLOADING CONDITIONS.

REMEMBER—IN APRIL ALL ROADS LEAD TO FRESNO!

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PICAYUNES AND PICCIOLI

By JOHN E. FREUND, Scottsdale, Arizona, CSNA 2223

In the Spring 1970 issue of Calcoin News was a reprint of a very interesting article by Mrs. Peggy Borgolte, in which she traced the meaning of the word "picayune" to the very tiny 18th century Spanish half real. Beyond that, she offers the conjecture that "pecunia", the Latin word for money, might be the actual origin of the term. This is guesswork, of course, but it seems that the Spanish word "pequeno", meaning small, is a more logical contender — especially since there is a precedent.

During the reign of Ferdinand II of Aragon there appeared in Sicily a very tiny copper coin called a "piccioli", which in Italian (the author was assured by a lady from Berlitz) is a very definite reference to its minute size. The piccioli, issued only for Ferdinand II, Charles V and Philip II of Spain, was the smallest coin struck in Sicily at that time, weighed less than a gram, and took the place of a coin which was called a "denaro".

There was also a 2 piccioli and 3 piccioli struck in Messina for Philip II, Philip III and Philip IV of Spain, and after that in Palermo until 1795. Many numismatists have referred to the 3 piccioli of Sicily as a 3 "cavallo", which is the correct term for the corresponding denomination (half a grano struck in Naples; see, for example, page 431 of W. D. Craig's "Coins of the World". However, the two are different coins, and the one struck in Sicily should properly be referred to as a 3 piccioli.

A very good reference for the coins of Sicily during this period is Rudolfo Spahr's "Le Monete Siciliane Dagli Aragonesi Ai Borboni (1282-1836)", published in Palermo in 1959. Even though the book is in Italian, it has excellent plates and is easy to use. Incidentally, the author of this article is the proud owner of a 1, 2 and 3 piccioli struck in Messina for Philip II of Spain (Spahr 128, 127 and 126). The piccioli weighs just under 0.5 grams and on its reverse, under the eagle's wings, are the initials P.P., which stand for Pietro del Pozzo, who was at that time director of the Messina mint.

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Wampum was priced at six white beads, or three purple, to the penny in Massachusetts in 1647.

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Masaka is a coin of Ceylon which is referred to in commentaries written as early as the fifth century.

NORTH CAROLINA GOLD — AND A PUZZLING LETTER

By BRENT H. HUGHES

When the subject of gold mining in the United States is mentioned, most of us automatically think of California and the great gold rush of 1849. This thought pattern is caused no doubt by the publicity given to California gold by our school history books, the movies and Western fiction. Actually, as most numismatists know, gold is where you find it and we have coins to prove that it has been found in many other places.

Tradition has it that gold was first mined in North Carolina, in what is now Gaston county, prior to the Revolution. The Cherokee Indians are known to have discovered gold farther west in the mountain foothills. However, the first recorded discovery in North Carolina was in Mechlenburg county in 1799 by a man named Conrad Reed. North Carolina was the source of all gold produced in our country from 1804 to 1827. Shortly thereafter, other deposits were mined in northern Georgia and in the northwest corner of South Carolina.

On June 28, 1834, a new law was passed reducing the weight of standard gold which had the effect of placing our money on a gold standard. This proved to be an economic boon and new interest in mining resulted. The mining area expanded and the quantity of gold produced became quite large. The difficulty during those times was the fact that no easy way existed whereby the gold dust might be minted into coin. The nearest government mint was at Philadelphia and few miners had the time or the desire to make such a hazardous trip. So they were forced to use small bags of dust as a medium of exchange. Some gold was bought by jewelers in the area to be made into rings or watch cases, and traders moved about in covered wagons buying up gold to be hauled to Columbia and Charleston, South Carolina, for shipment to northern U.S. cities or to Europe.

Some help for the hard-pressed miners had come in 1830 and 1831 when Templeton Reid set up his private mint in Lumpkin county, Georgia, and the Bechtlers began striking gold at their place in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. Minting capacity was increased in 1838 when United States mints were established in Dahlonegah, Georgia, and Charlotte, North Carolina. The Templeton Reid effort was very short and the Bechtlers dropped out in 1842. So it has been assumed that the local U.S. mints handled the mintage of the local gold.

Something must have been amiss, however, because the author recently was shown a letter in a friend's collection that proves that gold was still being shipped to the Philadelphia mint in 1844. The letter is in the form of an invoice from J. F. E. Hardy, cashier, Bank of Cape Fear Branch at Asheville, N.C., to R. M. Patterson, superintendent of the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia. It is entirely handwritten and is in beautiful condition. It bears the Asheville postmark of Sept. 24, 1844, and was received at the mint on Sept. 30. The text of the letter is as follows:

"Sir: I herewith send you a list of gold bullion which I sent this week by the way of Charleston, S.C., to be sent you for coinage. You will please have all marked J. H. Forny coined by itself. When rec'd please send me certificate by mail."

J. F. E. HARDY, Cashier
Respectfully your obt. servt.

The left half of the letter is a list of the miners or brokers and the amount of bullion owned by each, stated in dollar value. The last eight lots are all listed to the same man, the aforementioned J. H. Forny or Forney. The total value listed is $7,835.48, a substantial sum in those days when a dollar was worth something. Across the top of the letter is written: "List of Gold Bullion sent to U.S. Mint via Charleston, S.C., by Mr. W. Bell, September 18th, 1844".

There must have been some very good reason for shipping this gold to Philadelphia when the Charlotte mint was operating nearby. It is possible the Philadelphia mint had an independent contract with various individuals in the North Carolina gold field area to supply it with gold for coin production. It does seem odd, though, that the mint did not consolidate its purchases of raw gold and have all branches operate out of a central stockpile. On the other hand, the

transport of gold was a risky business, so perhaps the sly Mr. Patterson felt better with someone else responsible for security.

There may be other and more logical reasons for this arrangement which one of our readers may know about. If so, the author would be grateful for any information.

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NEWS, VIEWS AND WHOS

North of the Tehachapis

By JERRY KROEGER, CSNA 18-4

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society combined fun with business at its "Holiday Party and Installation of Officers" in December. Refreshments, socializing and gabfesting were the order of the evening, along with the more serious business of installing the following officers: **Ruth Ludwigsen,** president; **Dr. C. W. Aby,** vice president; **Jay Patterson,** treasurer; **Maxine Bryce,** secretary.

PCNS has reached a milestone in its history! In its 66th year PCNS has its first WOMAN president.

President Ruth will be the General Chairman for CSNA's Spring '72 convention to be held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Members that attended the January meeting heard **David S. Aitkins** of Barclays Bank Limited give an excel'ent talk on "Coins of the British Commonwealth" featuring the decimalization of its coinage.

PCNS papers contest awards were awarded as follows: First — **John Fies** — "To Live a Thousand Years"; Second — **Frank Strazzarino** — "Italy — 110 Years of Unification"; Third — **Bruno Kuhe** — "History of The Mint".

Hanford Coin Club celebrated its 25th anniversary in January.

In 1968, **Fred Tinkham** was awarded Life Membership No. 1 in the club and at the close of 1971 after completing twenty-five years of continuous membership, **Merrill Cole** will be awarded Life Membership No. 2 and **M. Forest Speck,** Life Membership No. 3. CONGRATULATIONS!

New officers elected for the coming year and installed by **Everett Phillips** are: **Fred Tinkham,** president; **Gus Huntz,** vice president; **Gene Edwards,** secretary-treasurer, and **Merrill Cole,** auctioneer.

San Francisco Coin Club is beginning to get ready for its annual May Coin Fair with **Roy Hill** as general chairman. Roy promises more exhibitors, more bourse and a bigger attendance than ever at The Hall of Flowers on May 2, 1971.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year; **Stephen I. Gifford,** president; **Ward M. Bowers,** vice-president; **Roy Hill,** secretary; and **Paul Snedeker,** treasurer.

Delta Coin Club held its sixth annual Coin Show in November. Attendance reached the 1600 mark with 36 bourse dealers and 31 exhibitors, all under the able direction of **Norman Pruitt,** General-Bourse Chairman, and **Syd Kass,** Exhibit Chairman.

Some exhibit winners were: **"Best of Show",** and the **"Harry Edwards Memorial Trophy"** won by **William and Julie Horning;** first place by **Walter Gerth;** second place, **John D. Pettine;** third place, **Guy Erkson;** Junior first place, **Kenny Armstrong.**

In January DCC elected the following slate of officers for 1971: **John D. Pettine,** president; **Jerry Rakoncza,** vice president; **Douglas Pryor,** treasurer; **Julie Horning,** recording secretary; **Maxine Novetzke,** corresponding secretary and news editor; **Wm. DuTemple,** librarian; and **Syd Kass,** property custodian.

Eureka Coin Club meets at the Humboldt Federal Saving Basement Center on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Any person interested in numismatics is invited to attend and welcome to join the club.

Sacramento Coin Club's recent election unseated their editor-corresponding secretary, **Dan Jacobson.** This editor and staff will miss his wit and sense of humor. (I have to keep this column straight, Dan.) New officers are: **Frank Frain,** president; **James Brooks,** vice president; **Larry Gaylord,** recording secretary; **Ron Lerch,** corresponding secretary; **C. M. Delange,** treasurer; **Vincent Beretta,** assistant treasurer.

Fresno Numismatic Socicty members enjoyed a new officer installation dinner in January to honor and welcome the following new officers: **Everett Phillips,** president; **C. H. "Bud" Hicks,** vice president; **Paul Endler,** secretary; **James Creagmile,** treasurer; **Gene Fasano,** auctioneer; and **Armel Weese,** editor.

Central California Coin Club concluded its first Coin and Stamp Show last November. Twenty dealers and two auction sessions made for a most successful show.

CCCC meets the second and fourth Sundays at 1:30 P.M. at the Progressive Home Club in Fresno.

The 1971 officers elected for **Diablo Numismatic Society** are: **Mason Sturham,** president; **Ron White,** first vice president; **Bob Smith,** second vice president; **David Aeschliman,** secretary; **Larry Noble,** treasurer; **Bernie Gallagher,** sergeant at arms; and **Mrs. Karl Heuer,** librarian.

San Jose Coin Club is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and to commemorate the event has released a nickel-silver medal depicting the first capitol building of California in San Jose and an outline map of California with the location of San Jose appearing as a star.

The club held a very successful coin show in February. Twenty-six exhibits were on display. Best-in-show was won by **Ray Erkson** with his "Copper Coins of Mexico". Other winners were: First — **Mr. Pearson;** second — **Bernie Stout;** and third — **William Horning.** Junior winners were **Gordon Frost, Debbie Palmini** and **Andy Roth.**

The following officers for 1971 were elected: — president, **Don Prichett;** vice president, **Steve Sanford;** recording secretary, **Constance Perham;** corresponding secretary, **Jean Pritchett;** treasurer, **Ed Sins;** librarian, **Norman Prunier;** curator, **John Palmieri;** historian, **John Mera;** Sergeant-at-arms is **Rudy Gjurovich,** who is also "Vice President Emeritus".

The club meets the first Monday of each month at 20 West Hedding St., San Jose, at 7:30 P.M.

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South of the Tehachapis

By NONA G. MOORE, CSNA 1573

SIGNIFICANT RECOGNITION

Robert L. Clarke was elected "Fellow" in the **Society for International Numismatics** (L.A.) when honored (in absentia, for he now resides in Iran) for his services to the society and his numerous accomplishments as a numismatic author.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Upcoming the third Sunday in May is the annual Festival of the **Southeastern Sierra Coin Club,** an 86-member group in Bishop. Included in the festivities will be a picnic with trading, buying and selling.

ANNUAL SUPER AUCTION

Members of **Fontana United Numismatists** received a listing of 199 lots with their regular meeting notice in February. Its annual auction always consists of considerable variety.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Downey Numismatists** on its tenth anniversary, April 7, to be celebrated at a banquet together with the regular meeting. A catering service will provide the dinner, and a program including installation of new officers is planned for a gala affair.

NEW LOCATION

Israel Coin Club, Los Angeles, meets in the community room, Provident Federal Savings Bank, 10920 Wilshire Boulevard, West Los Angeles. No change in meeting date.

San Fernando Valley Coin Club announces a new club house — Crown Savings and Loan Association, 10101 Riverside, Toluca Lake. Meeting night is also changed to the second Monday.

BACK HOME

Sol Taylor, Whittier Coin Club, returned from eight weeks in India, is consolidating a series of slides and momentoes for future showing. Coin World recently printed a letter Sol mailed from New Delhi in November regarding the coin situation in India.

NOT NUMISMATIC, BUT RATHER 'DEER'

Numismatist **Rex Salmon,** a regular in the **San Diego Numismatic Society,** became a deer hunter without a gun (or license) recently when his car tangled with a deer on Highway 70 near Santa Ysabel. The car was damaged $1500 worth, but fortunately Salmon escaped unscratched — except he was not allowed to keep the deer!

BULLETINS

Ventura Coin Club publication is known as "Coin-Settia News".

Whittier Coin Club calls its club notice "The Proof Sheet".

NEW EDITOR

Mike Cash now edits the **American British Numismatic Society** "Newsletter," which has gone bi-monthly. Suggestions for a new name for the publication are being solicited from members. Selection made in February will begin usage with its March periodical.

Larry Keil was selected Editor of "The Medallion", official bulletin of **California Exonumist Society.**

ONE OF THE JONES' BOYS!

J. D. Jones of Barstow was the lucky one at **Calico Coin Club's** December dinner by winning a $5 gold piece. To top it all off his name was drawn for the $5 gold piece at the San Bernardino County Coin Show in January! Calico Coin Club is one of the newer members of CSNA.

JUNIOR NUMISMATISTS

Formation of separate meetings for **Bakersfield Coin Club** junior members has been authorized by its Board of Directors. 10-15 avidly interested yougsters meet at various homes, with club adults as guest speakers.

NEW INCORPORATION

Thanks to **Thomas McKnew, Jr.,** a lawyer, S.I.N. (L.A.) is now a nonprofit corporation. Members are reminded by its new President **Nemez** that contributions (tax deductible) may now be made toward current publishing expenses or towards a fund for a future permanent home. **Frank Lapa** generously started the "new home" fund by donating an initial $120.

THOMAS a'BECKET MEDAL

ABNS is sponsoring a 39mm bronze medal to be issued by Franklin Mint commemorating the 800th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Thomas a'Becket. Each ABN member will be given one by the organization.

COUNTERSTAMPS

Orders are now being taken for the **Whittier Coin Club** medals to be counterstamped 1971. A few 1969 bronze anniversary medals counterstamped "11th year 1970" are still available at $1 each. The club has an error counterstamp at the same price.

COIN SHOWS

Walter Snyder, general chairman of the **Downey Numismatists** fifth annual coin show in November reports it was very successful, with 560 registered during the two days. **Richard Hall** received Best-of-Show for his display on "Popes of the 20th Century". Twenty-nine dealers all reported active business.

A one-day show at the Holiday Inn, San Bernardino, far surpassed expectations, according to **San Bernardino County Coin Club** reports. More than 500 attended the event, chaired by Nona Moore, whose committees were headed by **Ruth** and **Ben Coon, Sylvia Novack, Bryan Burke, Howard Smith, Everett Smith,** and **Randy Briggs.** Sixteen dealers were busily engaged in the bourse room from start to finish. The thirty exhibits were convention quality, with **Albert Hall** receiving Best-of-Show.

YULETIDE EVENTS

Bakersfield Coin Club annual Christmas dinner held at Hodel's was well attended. Those who worked on the Coin Show were "treated" with the club picking up the tab.

Calico Coin Club held its first Christmast potluck at Howard Johnson's Inn. Slides of a recent trip to the British Isles presented by **Grace Smith** were enjoyed by the 60 present.

Bud Ellis presented a fun quiz program at the **Downey Numismatists** annual Christmas party, with prizes to winners. A special Christmas Money Tree with 25 dollar bills and two silver dollars was given away.

Fontana United Numismatists annual Christmas potluck dinner, attended by more than 120, was a night of hilarity. Sixteen "Golden Agers"—the "Sunny Hour Swingers" — presented an almost unbelievable program of talent, gayety and humor. Santa left packages for many — all wrapped more than once, and passed from one to another. The recipient was the one who opened the last wrapping.

The talented pianist, **Jan DeBoar,** started the **West Valley Coin Club** Christmas party off with carols to set the mood, followed by some "numis-maniacs" in a series of skits, better known as the "West Valley Laugh-in".

Dr. Lloyd Ermshar chairmanned the sixth annual Christmas festivity for **S.I.N.** (San Gabriel).

Peggy Thatcher, teenage daughter of **Southern Hub Coin Club** board member, **Richard Thatcher,** was crowned "Miss Merry Christmas" at the annual holiday international dinner-meeting. Peggy was one of seven young misses who served as an international hostess. Each girl was dressed in costume native to the country represented. The menu featured many dishes from foreign countries. Additional door prizes were given in the form of complimentary dinners at local restaurants serving foreign foods.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

When **Ralph "Curly" Mitchell** handed the new officers of **S.I.N.** (L.A.) lighted candles at a recent installation banquet, it was to signify their participation in extending the light of learning. To their consternation their lights will never expire, for the candles refused to go out when blown! (Leave it to "Curly" to make the evening humorous and lively!)

La Mirada Coin Club enjoyed a potluck dinner in October. November was its 'white elephant' sale auctioneered by **Cliff Kriezel.** January film slides were shown on Grading Coins, plus a special Redbook Quiz on Lincoln cents.

A $20 gold piece will be given away March 18 at **San Bernardino County Coin Club** regular meeting.

More than 70 attended the **San Bernardino County Coin Club** annual banquet in January. CSNA **Al Baber** MC'd the event and installed new officers. Baber also took the diners on an impressive verbal tour of the new Philadelphia Mint, which he visited as a VIP while a member of President Nixon's Assay Commission. An unusual numismatic game was provided after the dinner by **Fred Coops** and **Randy Briggs** — to help relieve that "stuffed" feeling after a big dinner! Each person received a foreign coin at his place setting. Six of these coins matched, but each had to find its duplicate. The three couples winning received silver dollars as prizes.

CHARITY PROJECT

East Los Angeles Coin Club selected the Crippled Children's Hospital once again as its charity project in 1971. Contributions are requested for special auctions for this purpose.

1970, THE BEES; 1971, THE BIRDS

Orange County Coin Club held its annual installation banquet at Knott's Berry Farm. **Herb Bergen,** ANA president, presented **Walter Knott** with a Colonial coin for his Freedom Hall exhibit. **Paul Beaumont** gave a talk on the subject of birds with live finches on display given as prizes. A bird coin was given each one attending.

33rd INSTALLATION DINNER

San Diego Numismatic Society officially "seated" its new officers at a special dinner at the Hana Lei Hotel attended by 89 persons, one of the largest in recent years. **Jim Hill** was M-C, with **Charles Nissen** installing officer.

SOCIETY OF PHILATELICS AND NUMISMATICS

Official bulletin, "ExSPAN-Sion", reports the group has signed its 100th life member. New president is **Ben Abelson.**

PASSING THE GAVEL.

California Exonumist Society — **Betty Case,** president; **Pearl Keil,** vice president; **Larry Keil,** treasurer; **Daisy Snyder,** secretary.

California Wooden Money Association—Joy Parrish, president; **G. A. Ayers,** vice president; **Xenia Kriezel,** secretary; **Harold Butner,** treasurer.

Covina Coin Club — Anne Dorman, president; **Len Jasmin,** vice president;

Ethel Lenhert, secretary; **Richard Neyhart, treasurer.**

Echo Park Coin Club—Myron McLaflin, president; **Larry Staten**, vice president; **C. E. Goodin**, corresponding secretary; **Leslie Woods**, recording secretary; **Claude Parrish**, treasurer.

Forty-Niner Coin Club — Frank Randall, president; **Stanley Jeziorski**, vice president; **Max Richardson**, secretary; **Paul Noyes**, treasurer.

Imperial Beach Coin Club — Cornel Marta, president; **Harley Sauvage**, vice president; **Virginia Bourke**, secretary-treasurer.

Israel Coin Club (L.A.)—**Nathan Bromberg**, president; **Claire Abelson**, first vice president; **Jack Waxman**, second vice president; **Babe Baker**, treasurer; **Lil Janko**, recording secretary; **Sarah Breslow**, corresponding secretary.

La Mirada Coin Club—Ed Oldham, president; **Bob Harencame**, vice president; **Paul Engstrom**, treasurer; **Xenia Kriezel**, recording secretary; **Lois Harencame**, corresponding secretary.

Lawndale Coin Club — Bob Pleet, president; **Slim Dunbar**, vice president; **Rose Oster**, secretary; **Elmo Nielson**, treasurer.

Long Beach Coin Club — William Zollinger, president.

Los Angeles Coin Club—Ben Abelson, president; **Gordon Greene**, first vice president; **Robert Vick**, second vice president; **Walter Snyder**, treasurer; **Eileen Lawson**, corresponding secretary; **Elizabeth Wisslead**, corresponding secretary.

North Hollywood Coin Club—Sally Casalaina, president; **Robert Killion**, vice president; **Harold Hayman**, recording secretary; **Camille Alfonso**, corresponding secretary; **Emmert M. Allife**, treasurer.

Poway Coin Club — Jack Darnell, president; **R. Williams**, vice president; **Mary Powell**, secretary; **Dawn Baumer**, treasurer.

Redlands Coin Club — Paul Blake, president; **Richard Johnson**, first vice president; **Paul Nunes**, second vice president; **Helen Walsh**, secretary; **Howard Smith**, treasurer.

San Bernardino County Coin Club—Randy Briggs, president; **Gil Daab**, vice president; **Jeanette Daab**, recording secretary; **Herb Feinberg**, treasurer; **Fred Coops**, corresponding secretary.

San Diego Numismatic Society — Kay Edgerton, president; **Phil Centman**, vice president; **Tony Lagera**, secretary; **Paul Boltz**, treasurer.

San Fernando Valley Coin Club — John Nichols, president.

S.I.N. (L.A.)— **Laura Nemez**, president; **Irwin Brotman**, president-elect; **Beate Rauche**, vice president; **Carolyn Nestrick**, corresponding secretary; **William Braithwaite**, recording secretary; **Max Wedertz**, treasurer.

Southeastern Sierra Coin Club — Edwin Ephrom, Jr., president; **Florence Guthrie**, vice president; **Lyn Parson**, secretary; **Marvin Tetrick**, corresponding secretary; **Nellie Ephrom**, treasurer.

Southern Hub Coin Club — Myron McClaflin, president; **Joy Parrish**, first vice president; **Bill Eades**, second vice president; **Sally Marx**, Secretary; **Frank Ortiz**, treasurer.

Upland Coin Club — Bill Dorman, president; **Amos House**, vice president; **Xenia Kriezel**, recording secretary; **Anne Dorman**, corresponding secretary; **Ruth Coen**, treasurer.

West Valley Coin Club — Rodney Coon, president; **Harry Shirk**, first vice president; **Bob Allebe**, second vice president; **Ruth Vickrey**, treasurer; **Leonora Donald**, corresponding secretary; **Viola Johnson**, recording secretary.

Whittier Coin Club—Nathan Bromberg, president; **Paul Engstrom**, vice president; **Tom Chell**, treasurer; **Esther Bromberg**, secretary.

SPEAKER'S LIST

(Addresses of the following may be obtained from CSNA secretary, Charles Colver, or by referring to Member Club address list, page 67, Summer 1970 issue Calcoin News.)

Philip W. Callier, "Dated Coinage of Britain;" **Irwin Brotman**, "International Numismatic Collector's Society" (slides); **Richard Trowbridge**, "Queen Anne Mystery Farthings;" **William Wisslead**, "The Seychelles"—American British Numismatic Society.

Wayne Dennis, "Wooden Money"—California Wooden Money Association.

Frank Strauss, "Coins and Currency of the Civil War"—Covina Coin Club.

Marlin Lenhert, "Question and Answer Program;" **Marvin Shear**, "Barber Coins;" **Charles Colver**, "U. S. Cents"—Downey Numismatists.

Joy Parrish, "Wooden Money" — Forty-Niner Coin Club.

Ester Taller, "Return to Masada"—Israel Numismatic Society (S.G.)

Ralph Mitchell, "Ultimate Achievement" (film); **Mel Thatcher,** "Abe Lincoln"—La Mirada Coin Club.

James D. Clarke, Jr., "Ancient Coins;" **Dan Duffy,** "Military Medals"; **Kent L. McMannis,** "Presidential Buttons and Quarters" — Lompoc Coin Coin Club.

Charles Colver, "U.S. Cents"—Monterey Park Coin Club.

Charles Johnson, "Numismatic Literature;" **Maurice Gould,** "The Wedding of Coins and Stamps"—Orange County Coin Club.

Amos House, "Review of 1970 — Numismatically;" **Fred Coops,** "Numismatic Tools of Today" — Pomona Valley Coin Club.

Al Baber, "Assay Commission;" **Jack Detwiler,** "Civil War Tokens;" **Jack Darnell,** "Displays" — Poway Coin Club.

Paul Blake, "Silver Nickels;" **Xenia Kriezel,** "Irish Barnyard Coins" — Redlands Coin Club.

Ralph Mitchell, "The Ultimate Achievement" (film) — San Bernardino Couny Coin Club.

James Center, "Curious Things about Chinese Coins;" **Clifford Mishler,** "Analysis of Current Numismatic Questions;" **Ralph Mitchell,** "The Ultimate Achievement" (film) — San Diego Numismatic Society.

Ed Tarantino, Walter Fritsche, Jr., "Tour of Russia" (slides); **Alva Christensen, Ethel Stone, "Collector's** Adventures in England"—San Fernando Valley Coin Club.

Richard Trowbridge, "Maundy Money"—S.I.N. (San Gabriel).

Charles Colver, "U.S. Cents" — Southern Hub Coin Club.

Richard N. Johnson, "Numismatica Accumulations of 1970"—Upland Coin Club.

G. A. "Corky" Ayers, "Circus Money;" **Richard Trowbridge,** "Queen Anne Mystery Farthings" — West Valley Coin Club.

Gordon Greene, "My Mormon Heritage and its Coinage;" **M. Kliman,** "Coins, Now and Then" — Whittier Coin Club.

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A NOVICE LOOKS AT NUMISMATICS

By PATRICIA FERKO

(Editor's Note: The following is a talk delivered a few years ago at a meeting of the **Western Reserve Numismatic Club,** and re-printed from the **Numisma,** official publication of the **Santa Barbara Coin Club.)**

If you had a knowledgeable numismatist as a speaker this evening, you might have to sit through an hours presentation. Instead, you have me: a novice who knows about 15 minutes worth.

May I ask all of you to think back and try to remember what you had learned at the age of three years? Not very much, had you? At the age of five, a bit more maybe. Well, that is exactly the story of my life in the field of numismatics. Five years of growing and now beginning to know a bit. My first year in this field began when someone gave me a penny book at Christmas and told me if I filled up all the holes by next Christmas, Santa would leave a hundred dollar bill in the sock. This is going to be easy, I thought, and then proceeded to give it the maximum effort.

I worked very hard, checking my change, my family's change, all of my friends' change and, well, it got to the point of silly jokes—you all know the kind. Anyhow, did I make it? No! After one whole year of searching through many palms, I still had nine holes empty. So, no hundred dollar bill.

However, the very next week in a cab I, as usual, asked the driver if I could look through his change (you can see by now I was asking everyone) and it turned out he was a coin collector. He asked me if I subscribed to Coin World, which he called the collector's Bible. I said "no" and he gave me his copy. I read it and realized this coin collecting was quite a bit more than just filling up holes in a book. So I myself subscribed and started to read each copy; also I bought the Redbook and the Bluebook.

I started going to banks for rolls to

search through, because in the "coins found" section of the paper everyone was finding the elusive 1909-S and the 1931-S and all sorts of goodies by that method. I bought tubes; I started saving duplicates; I used the trade section; and by now I was saving pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, halves and silver dollars. I bought books on grading. Oh boy, I thought, I'm a real coin collector!

The tubes kept piling up—two years in the field, and still so young and stupid. Why? Because a coin collector is nothing but a hoarder! But in the third year four exciting things happened, two involving beginner's luck and two which graduated me into the kindergarden of numismatics.

Every time I had my hair done at a beauty salon, I was now making it a point to stop at the nearest bank so that, while the other women were reading, knitting or just napping, I could search through rolls of coins with a magnifying glass. They probably thought I was some kind of a nut; especially one day when I let out a scream and all the attendants rushed over thinking the dryer was on fire. The real reason for the scream was that I'd found a very fine 1950-D Jefferson. Now, that book was complete. The very next week I found my 1928 peace dollar. Beginner's luck? You bet. Two key holes filled up; graded and inventoried. Friends, those are the key words used by a coin collector: "graded and inventoried". Who designed them? What part of America's history do they represent? These and many other questions I couldn't have answered if a $1,000 bonus had been offered to me.

Then the third thing came along. In all honesty, I must confess that I was shamed into becoming a numismatist by a thirteen year old boy. It happened this way: In talking about their children (as mothers love to do) a friend of my mother's discovered that I was interested in coins. She called me to ask for assistance in selecting some books on coinage for her son's birthday gift. Not knowing what he already owned, I invited them to lunch and, oh brother, I found out he already had the Redbook, the Bluebook, and books on Canadian and foreign coins. Then came the really great shock! He started asking me all sorts of questions — historical questions and many others. I couldn't answer any of them—couldn't help him at all, but he surely helped me to realize that I didn't know one iota of the serious study of numismatics. I realized that up until now I had been nothing but a collector of coins.

Well, the next six months were quite different, and now I was sitting under the dryer with my first study books. Finally, at the age of 41, I was able to converse with a 13 year old numismatist. Oh, I was still reading my weekly coin paper, and that is where number four happening comes in. Returning from Pittsburgh where my television commercial work is usually done and going through the mail which had piled up, I saw a very familiar face looking at me from the pages of Coin World. It was Fred Rosenthal, mentioned as the president of the Western Reserve Numismatic Club. Both he and I had been executives at the May Company, he as merchandise manager and I as fashion director. Both of us had left the company by now, but I thought why not give him a call and congratulate him. I did, and he invited me to attend a meeting of the WRNC that week. Gentlemen, it was here I was to find my kindergarden education in our wonderful hobby nurtured to its present level. How lucky to have attended this meeting first, for I was invited and did go to another club meeting. The club shall be nameless, but the circumstances were so regretful that I must tell you about it. While it was quite obvious to you that I was a greenhorn in the field, you gentlemen at least answered my questions. But at this other meeting, which was quite social, all they cared about was how much money I had to invest. Although called a coin club, it was strictly an investment club—investments in coins, investments in a new member's ability to purchase coins, investments by backers in the club of the bourse tables. In other words, no interest in the real study of numismatics, just a whale of a lot of interest in profit—theirs, of course. Membership in that club would have kept me at the hoarder level. I sadly noted they had a lot of young people in attendance and seemed to be counting the heads and labeling them all as new profit patsys. Well, after that I came back here to another meeting of a real numismatic club to be saved.

I can't tell you how much it was appreciated when, as a comparatively junior member, I was made publicity director for our club, for through this position my knowledge grew and

grew. In all serious undertakings one learns more if he has to pay his way with duty and service. Each month I listened and learned from the knowledgeable member speakers, and will confess I even purchased books on your specialized fields so I could write better reports to the various publications. That same year it was exciting to know that because of my request Mayor Locher proclaimed National Coin Week locally. Then too, it was great to correlate the exhibit representing our club at a bank showing. And, it was stimulating to work at the information booth at the ANA Cleveland convention.

So, gentlemen, I paid with a bit of duty, but was repaid freely by the sincerely expended knowledge of you real numismatists. I must add I found the exhibits made by our members at each meeting wonderful. To me they are honey drops of knowledge in variously interesting and unknown subjects in our field. In my mind they are show, tell, and mainly help—real help to a novice like me.

My thanks go to another member who started me on my very own specialty of animal coins and tokens. In these times I wouldn't have known what to do without it. Many of you members have graciously added to my collection, and I find it a very fine study because it includes ancient, foreign and modern coinage from all parts of the world. Researching is a challenge, and I do have many coins to study and classify before assembling a comprehensive visual exhibit of which I can be proud. But, may I add, my knowledge is growing and I love my excellent coins of Ireland, my elephants of Belgian Congo, my llama of Bolivia, my Lundy puffin – just all of them. I now have 56 completely researched pieces, but desperately need help in the token section. In this specialty it is my dream to one day own the Panama Pacific quarter eagle with the hippocampus, that beautiful mythical sea creature with the head of a horse and the tail of a dolphin.

I have had my interest in our hobby both sustained and stimulated by concentrating in this special field, mainly because the prices of American coins I lack make them more unobtainable financially at the present cost level; unobtainable not just to me but to many, many novices who were warmly welcomed into the hobby. Each day the papers crow about the upsurge in figures of new coin buffs. Oh yes, the figures are growing, but growing into what—into what? On April 1, I became a member of the ANA; another step forward. I notice there are several hundred new members listed each month, but the net membership is not growing very fast. What happens to the others?

We serious novices find ourselves embroiled not in hobby anymore but embroiled in big business. We are scrapegoats caught suddenly in a big mesh and mess. We're still honest, innocent and ignorant, for the most part. We can't understand what the deuce is happening. And there are many like me, now five years old in this oldest of studies, and we don't know where we are going. The numbers do swell, but where do we now dwell? Do you knowledgeable members know? Like me, there are many who seriously analyze any undertaking. We analyze our jobs, people, hobbies, and especially the times. It is because of this that I wish to ask, gentlemen, when you were five years old in the hobby of numismatics:

Were you faced with glaring looks from bank personnel who didn't hesitate to blame you for the coin shortage?

Were you written about, and rudely, I might add, by newspapers and magazines as that nasty coin collector who's a real threat to the country's economy?

Were you clumped in a lump called coin collectors and blamed for that very shameful run on silver dollars?

Were you confronted, and quite suddenly, with 9,999,999 coin hoarders all looking for the same coin with a mintage of 866,000?

In your fifth year in the hobby, were you harassed by businessmen invading your hobby with an eye on profit only; men who badgered you with phony coin investment plans with an eye not really on your future, but just on their own greedy and immediate profits?

Were you worried about important coins being melted away because their metallic content meant profit to someone?

Were you forced to visit a safety deposit box at your bank each time you wanted to research a coin in your own collection, just because of another intruder in the hobby—the professional coin thief, also looking for profit?

Were you blamed for no more proof

sets? The Kennedy half dollar stampede?

Was your hobby used then, as it is now by politicians; even by some congressmen writing new bills—bills that may destroy this hobby? Were you faced then with an odious "Bible bill"?

Did you find yourself surrounded by the teletype geniuses, who call themselves progressive dealers thinking only of your needs when you need a coin pronto jonto; and of course never mentioning the use of this mechanism to fix prices? Even a novice knows that the price of a coin goes up in Cleveland because another automated dealer receives a higher price from some Mr. Moneybags in Texas, Toronto or Tampa.

Gentlemen, this and so much more is happening to me—and happening in my formative fifth year in numismatics—that it makes my head whirl! But not quite enough now to know that you started easier, grew into this hobby easier. Is it because it's easier for you to sit and watch the hobby become used, and confused? Are you, my mentors, willing to let this great study and hobby fade into a profit pot and die? I say please help me and help all serious novices. Get off your knowledgeable seats and save our hobby! We novices are more than willing to be working privates in your fighting army of defenders. Right now we are looking to our own numismatic generals for clarification and orders. I care, we care; we care a lot. Gentlemen, do you? If you do—really do—show us, show me, lead the way!

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U. S. BICENTENARY MEDALLION

One of the first (of many to appear) medallions commemorating the 200th anniversary of the United States is that shown above. This medal was designed by Ted Szilva, president of the Nickel Monument Development, Ltd., Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, and produced by the Lombardo Mint of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.

Obverse of this 1½ inch medal shows the American Flag, with the seal of the United States, and the date July 4, 1776. The inscription "United States of America — 1796 — Bicentenary — 1976 is circumscribed around the central design of the flag and seal.

Reverse is beautifully symbolic. Around the Peace Eagle (in the center) are depicted the hands of people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds clasped in friendship and unity.

This medallion is available in four finishes — copper-bronze at $2; gold-plate, nickel-silver plate, and antique-bronze at $3 each, and may be ordered from Nickel Mounment Development, Ltd., P. O. Box 122, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

PUERTO RICO -- RICH PORT

By FEDERICO CLAVERIA, Santa Barbara, CSNA 739

Puerto Rico was discovered by Columbus on his second voyage to the New World in 1493; he gave it the name of San Juan Bautista. The islands were inhabited by Indians who called the place Boringuen. A grant was given to Vicente Pinzon to settle the island, but colonization was begun by Ponce de Leon who landed at San Juan harbor in 1508. It was he who named it Puerto Rico.

The Indians were put to forced labor and were mistreated. Soon disease and hardship wiped out the Indians altogether, and they were replaced by imported Negro slaves.

Puerto Rico suffered heavily from English and Dutch attacks during the centuries XVI to XVIII. Sir Francis Drake attacked in 1595. In 1598 the Duke of Cumberland occupied the island for a period of five months, but an epidemic among his men forced him to retreat. This event kept the island from being annexed to the English crown.

The Dutch landed many troops in September of 1625, but the strong defenders at Morro Fort caused the Dutch to leave in November of the same year. The English again tried to conquer the strategic island in the years 1678, 1702, 1743, and with the last and most costly being in 1797 under command of Admiral Harvey.

For one hundred years Spain kept the island of Puerto Rico in a tranquil mood. In February 1898 Spain granted Puerto Rico self-government. The new form of government had no opportunity to function, for a few months later the Spanish-American War broke out. With little difficulty military occupation by the United States was completed and by the Treaty of Paris, Dec. 10, 1898, the war came to an end, and by it Puerto Rico (and other territories) were ceded outright to the United States.

During Woodrow Wilson's term of office the Jones Act was passed granting U.S. citizenship to Puerto Ricans, and in U.S. presidential elections it has territorial status.

From 1500 to the 1820s the coins used in Puerto Rico came from the Spanish American mints: Mexico, Lima, Potosi, Guatemala, etc. These were the minor silver, pieces of eight, and the gold doubloons.

It was in 1810, when Spain found itself with a Mexican uprising, and later with problems in its other Spanish colonies who also wanted independence, that a shortage of metallic coins was felt in Puerto Rico, due to the lack of money shipments from Spain and Mexico. During these shortages, the island government was obliged to issue paper money, and it is to Puerto Rico that goes the privilege of being the first Spanish possession in the New World to issue paper money for lack of metallic money.

These "papeletas" were a forced issue and not being backed with metal suffered a great depreciation. This crisis was alleviated with the introduction of silver cob pieces and Latin American coins from the other Spanish colonies, until 1857 when they were withdrawn.

In 1870 the need became so great that those coins in circulation were holed, making them unacceptable elsewhere and preventing them from being taken out of the island. However, the issue was reversed, as many other foreign coins were holed and imported into the island, causing a loss in value of the coins. The governor issued a decree forbidding the importation of holed foreign coins. In November 1884, a new decree was issued stating that all holed coins were to be taken to the custom houses and counterstamped with a fleur-de-lis. After April of 1885 all holed coins that had not been counterstamped were to be refused by the government and merchants. Many varieties of foreign coins including those of the United States were involved.

In 1895 there appeared a new issue of 1 peso and a 20 centavos piece, and in 1896 a 40, 10 and 5 centavos were added. These pieces resembled the ones issued in Spain, the only difference being the words "Isla de Puerto Rico", and on the large coin 1 Peso - 5 Ptas, meaning one peso or 5 pesetas. This is on the reverse of the coin.

All of the coins are of the same design with the exception of the minor

5 centavos piece which have on the obverse the words "Isla de Puerto Rico" around the top rim and in three lines below, 5 Centavos 1896. The other pieces have on the obverse a young head of Alfonso XIII to the left, with the lettering ALFONSO XIII P.L.G.D. REY C. DE ESPANA and the date 1895. Translated this means Alfonso XIII by the grace of God King of Spain.

After Puerto Rico was occupied by the U.S. President McKinley issued a proclamation to establish U.S. money on the island. After Jan. 1, 1899, only U.S. money, Spanish and French gold coins were to be accepted for customs, taxes, public and postal dues. The Puerto Rico coins continued to circulate at reduced values and were gradually withdrawn from circulation until the majority were disposed of.

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Ten British pennies, 12 half pennies, or 15 farthings, placed edge-to-edge, equal one foot.

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Fei is the native name for the stone money used on the Island of Yap.

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Farthing, a quarter of a penny, is derived from the Anglo-Saxon term—fourthling.

NUMISMATIC COURSE — LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

On page 29, Winter 1971 issue of Calcoin News, reference is made to a numismatic course to be offered at the Long Beach City College during the 1971 spring term.

We now have the following advice from Richard J. Trowbridge: —

"The numismatic course that was announced has now been postponed until the summer college term.

"Both the college and myself thought we had enough time to schedule the program, but because this course had not been offered before, more planning than anticipated was necessary, and we simply ran out of time to present this course during the spring term. The necessary paper work is now being completed and the college will offer the course in the summer session."

Dick Trowbridge, himself, will be the main instructor, and interested persons should contact him at P. O. Box 14542, Long Beach, CA 90814, for the exact dates and location of the course.

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No gold eagles were struck from 1805 to 1837.

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National Coin Week originated in 1924 by Julius Guttag.

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

April 3 ..... Third Annual Symposium
Boyd Auditorium, Long Beach
Richard J. Trowbridge, chairman, P.O. Box 14542, Long Beach 90814

April 16-18 ..... 48th Semi-Annual Convention
Del Webb's TowneHouse, Fresno
R. Paul Endler, general chairman, 862 W. Alamos Ave., Clovis 93612
Fred Tinkham, asst. gen. chairman, 1117 N. Irwin St., Hanford 93230
Wm. Y. Lee, bourse chairman, c/o Coast Stamp & Coin Co., Tulare and "U" Sts., Fresno 93721
James A. Creagmile, exhibit chairman, 237 N. Yosemite Ave., Fresno 93701

Nov. 5-7 ..... 49th Semi-Annual Convention
Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica
James L. Betton, general chairman, P.O. Box 533, Santa Monica 90406

April 21-23, 1972 ..... 50th Semi-Annual Convention
Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco
Miss Ruth Ludwigsen, general chairman, 78 Arroyo Way, San Francisco 94127
John D. Sears, asst. gen. chairman, 517 Fourth Ave., San Francisco 94118
Don T. Thrall, asst. gen. chairman, 610 Arlington Ave., Berkeley 94707

Fall 1972 ..... 51st Semi-Annual Convention
On the fabulous "Queen Mary", Long Beach—if facilities on the ship are available at that time.

OTHERS

March 14 .....Annual Coin Show, Verdugo Hills Coin Club
Masonic Temple, Valmont St., Tujunga
Mrs. Marietta Wixson, chairman, P.O. Box 458, Tujunga 91042

March 14 .....Seventh Annual Coin Show, Napa Valley Coin Club
Napa Fairgrounds, Napa
George Wells, bourse chairman, 313 Tammy Way, Napa 94558

March 21 .....San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council Meeting
La Mesa Recreation Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa
La Mesa Numismatic Society, host

March 28 .....Annual Coin Show, Salinas Valley Coin Club
Salinas Recreation Center, 320 Lincoln Ave., Salinas
Gordon D. Rammer, bourse chairman, 566 Sutter St., Salinas 93901

April 10-11 .....Fifth Annual Coin Show, Eureka Coin Club
Redwood Acres Fairground, Eureka
Harry Dixon, bourse chairman, P.O. Box 505, Eureka 95501

April 19-24 .....National Coin Week
Sponsored by the American Nusmismatic Association
Lee Martin, general chairman, P.O. Box 10396, Santa Ana 92711

May 2 .....Tenth Annual Coin Show, Covina Coin Club
American Legion Hall, 330 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina
Frank Strauss, chairman, 623 W. Lemon Ave., Monrovia 91016

May 2 .....Eighth Annual Coin Fair, San Francisco Coin Club
Hall of Flowers, Ninth Ave. and Lincoln Way, San Francisco
Roy Hill, general chairman, P.O. Box 6028, San Francisco 94101

May 15-16 .....Twelfth Annual Coin Show, West Coast Numismatic Association
Jay McCabe Hall, Almaden and San Carlos Sts., San Jose
Marcus Reaves, bourse chairman, 224 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos 95030

May 16 .....Eleventh Annual Coin Show, North Bay Coin Club
El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito
William B. Edwards, general chairman, phone (415) 223-2365

June 6 .....Fifth Annual Coin Show, Oxnard Coin Club
Oxnard Room, Community Center, Oxnard
Information: Oxnard Coin Club, P.O. Box 855, Oxnard 93030

June 18-20 .....Eighth Annual Convention of International Numismatics
Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles
Gordon Z. Greene, general chairman, P.O. Box 3412, South El Monte 91733

July 30-31 .....Fifth Annual NECA Error-A-Rama
Numismatic Error Collectors of America
Sportsman's Lodge, Encino
Fred C. Weinberg, chairman, P.O. Box 10096, Santa Ana 92711

August 10-14 .....80th Annual Convention, American Numismatic Association
Washington-Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
Herbert W. Price, general chairman, P.O. Box 9814, Washington, DC 20015

August 26-28 .....18th Annual Convention, Canadian Numismatic Association
Hotel Vancouver, 900 W. Georgia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
Les Copan, general chairman, P.O. Box 5732, Sta. "F", Vancouver 12, B.C.

October 23-24 .....Fourteenth Annual Coinarama, San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council
Town and Country Convention Center, San Diego
Tony Lagera, general chairman, 2733 East St., Oceanside 92054

November 13-14 .....Annual Coin Show, Delta Coin Club of California
Holiday Inn, 221 N. Center St., Stockton
John D. Pettine, general chairman, 2252 Sheridan Way, Stockton 95207